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Request for Expedited Procedure
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In re Patent Application of

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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This is a response to the Office Action mailed February 24, 2003 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

	No. Claims After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For		Extra Present		Rate	Additional Fee
Total	17	MINUS	* 20	=	0	X		\$
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* not less than 20

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If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2215.

AMENDMENTS

There are no amendment proposed in this response.